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An Act To Amend the Organization of the Quality Assurance Review Committee

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 16, 2011. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §5107-I, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 362, §1, is amended
3 to read:

4 ~~An agency that contracts to provide home care coordination for the~~ The department
5 shall establish a quality assurance review committee, referred to in this section as the
6 "committee," to review the provision of home care coordination services for long-term
7 services and supports for elders and adults with disabilities. The committee membership
8 must include consumers of home care services; representatives of consumers; consumer
9 advocates, including the long-term care ombudsman program; health care and service
10 providers; representatives from each area agency on aging; and staff of ~~the~~ each agency
11 that ~~contracts to provide~~ provides home care coordination services. The joint standing
12 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters
13 may make recommendations to the ~~contracting agency~~ department regarding committee
14 membership.

15 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §5107-I, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 362, §1, is
16 amended to read:

17 **4. Annual report.** By January 1st each year, the committee shall report to ~~the~~
18 ~~department, the Long term Care Implementation Committee established pursuant to~~
19 ~~Public Law 1999, chapter 731, Part BBBB, section 15 and~~ the joint standing committee
20 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters concerning
21 the committee's work during the year, any specific findings or recommendations
22 regarding the duties imposed in subsection 2 and the actions taken to resolve problems.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill gives the Department of Health and Human Services the duty to establish a
25 statewide quality assurance review committee to review the provision of home care
26 coordination services for long-term services and supports for elders and adults with
27 disabilities. Previously, an agency that contracted to provide home care coordination
28 services for the department was required to establish the committee. This bill also
29 eliminates the requirement that the committee annually report to the department, and
30 eliminates a reference to the Long-term Care Implementation Committee, which was
31 repealed in 2003.